



Knitty Couture

Newsletter

Hello All!

With the cool weather finally kicking in, my knitting fingers are moving frantically from one knitting project to another. Currently, it is 62°F and slightly windy. For me, this feels great!!

We have wonderful events that will take you to the animals and plants from where our yarn comes and other events which offer you a chance to make new friends and get in a few smiles and laughs. We also give a little hint about our anniversary celebration.

As you know, we are strong supporters of the small producers. In this issue, we highlight a local yarn company from Wentzville and unique sock yarn from one of the first indie dyers.

Current Events

Field Trips Abound!!

This fall, we have two field trips to invite you to.

The first trip takes us back **Prairieland Peruvian Alpaca** farm in Worden, Illinois. Owned by Lita and John Murphy, this farm houses 24 very gentle and sociable huacaya alpacas. Lita excitedly informed us that two of these alpacas are 2-month old babies, otherwise known as crias. You can visit their website, www.prairielandalpacas.com for more information.

This trip is scheduled for **Saturday, Oct. 25th, 11am-5pm**. Space must be limited so please come by the shop to secure a reservation soon!

Our second field trip is an adventure to **Yarn Farm** in St. Claire, Missouri where we have the chance to visit merino sheep, goats, alpaca, and llamas. **Yarn Farm** belongs to Linda Beckley, president of the St. Louis Weaver's Guild, and her husband. In addition to meeting the animals, we will also learn about how Linda grows and processes her flax which is then turned into linen.

This trip is scheduled for **Saturday, Nov. 8th, 11am-5pm**.

We request a visiting fee of **\$10 per person** which goes to these wonderful farmers for their time and generosity. Visitors will also be invited to purchase roving and yarn during their visit.

Stop by or **call us at 314.727.6500** for more information.

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Groups

Sundays: Open Knit-in, 1pm-6pm

2nd Tuesdays: Spinning Group, 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Thursdays: Knit Night, 5pm-8pm

Shop Hours

Mon	Closed
Tues	11am - 6pm
Wed	11am - 6pm
Thurs	11am - 8pm
Fri	11am - 6pm
Sat	11am - 6pm
Sun	1pm - 6pm

One Year Anniversary!

In just about two weeks, Knitty Couture will be celebrating its one-year anniversary. We invite you to join us **Nov. 1st** as we ring in this wonderful occasion. There are lots of wonderful things in store for this anniversary. Planning is still in the works so more details to come soon!

Knitting and Tea

We've partnered with **The London Tea Room** to invite you to be a part of a monthly Knitting and Tea event. Our first Social in September was wonderfully fun. The Tea Room served as a great backdrop to sit, sip tea, nibble on delicious pastry, knit a bit and meet new friends.



Join us on **Wednesday, Oct. 29th, 4pm-7pm**, for our second Social. Space is limited. Please call **The London Tea Room at 314.241.6556** for reservations.

Christmas Wish Lists

Do you have wish items you would like for the holidays? Make a Wish List. Come to the shop and fill out your wish list, then have your friends and family stop by to secretly get them for you.

Other Events

Knit Clinic

Knit clinic is back!! At this **twice-weekly help session**, we'll help you solve project problems and provide guidance on your work.

A minimal **fee of \$10** will let you sit, get more personalized help, and ask as many questions as you'd like.

Knit clinic sessions are on **Sundays, 4:30pm-5:30pm**, and **Wednesdays, 5pm-6pm**.

Knit for Newborns

We are continuing to invite knitters and crocheters to use up their stash to knit toys for Missouri children and families. These items are given to the staff of **Nurses for Newborns Foundation** and distributed to the children and families that they help.

Caps, garments, blankets, and toys for newborns - 4 years olds are welcomed! Just drop them by the shop!

Classes

For the **Fall & Winter Class Schedule**, we offer eleven topics including K201, mittens, Fair Isle, sweaters, brioche, lace, design and Christmas knits. A full listing can be found on our website, www.knittycouture.com.

These topics are also available as private lessons. In addition, we offer lessons on all other topics including beginner's knitting, spinning, advanced colorwork, crochet, and design.

Visit www.knittycouture.com for more information! Don't forget that pdfs of the class schedule are available online also.

Demonstrations

Don't forget. We also continue to offer free workshops every **1st Thursdays** of the month, **6pm – 7pm**. For the remainder of the year, demonstrations are scheduled as follow:

Nov. 6th: Short Rows

Dec. 4th: Buttonholes

At the Shop

Handpainted Knitted Yarns

The creative force behind this Wentzville company is Bjorn and his partner, Rex. In our shop is HKY's **Merino Mohair** in a worsted weight. The colorways are incredible, and the yarn is amazingly soft. Come take a look!

Cherry Tree Hill

Cheryl of **Cherry Tree Hill** gave us a call the other day to talk about her new line of sock yarn: **Supersock Select**.

This sock yarn, dyed in a variety of wonderful colors, has a lower micron count which results in a softer, higher quality yarn. There is definitely a difference.

What we're doing

On display

Rowan's **Neati** decorates our East window. This gorgeous cardigan was knitted by Eileen using **Rowan Cocoon**. A great garment for cool weather.



Also in the east window is **Montague**, a linen lace table runner. This wonderful playful pattern makes creative use of increases and decreases. This table runner was knitted out of Berroco **NaturLin**.



In our west window is the **Adult Surprise Jacket** and was knitted by Thi.

This classic piece is an Elizabeth Zimmermann design and was knitted out Cascade **Eco Wool**.

What I wanted to achieve with the ASJ is a clean, contemporary version of the jacket. I also had the option of knitting the ASJ as a cardigan which offered a more fitted garment. Minimal striping was also added for interest.



On the Needles

Ariel

I am doing a pirate sweater for my daughter out of **Cascade 220**. I also have a few baby hats in the works.

Eileen

I'm knitting **Haven**, a cozy thick scarf, out of Rowan **Cocoon**. Also on the needles is the men's **Zipped Cardigan** from *Last Minute Knitted Gifts*. I'm making this out of marled **Eco-Wool** for my older son.

Thi

Currently, I'm working on **Jarrett** in Rowan's *Vintage Knits*. This is a sweater jacket knitted out of Rowan **Felted Tweed** and is for the hubby. I also have several scarves, hats, and lace pieces for the shop. Whew!

Staff Picks

Ariel

I've been admiring the new colors of the **Imperial Stock Ranch** wool and the **Cashsoft**.

Eileen

Cocoon—always Cocoon. I want to try some of the Indie Dyer sock yarn, too.

Thi

Despite being the shop owner, I find myself getting jealous every time a customer buys another skein of the **Ancient Threads** sock yarn. I've even hoarded several skeins only to put them back after feeling awfully guilty.

HAPPY KNITTING!